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**From:** Stanislaus, Mathy  
**Sent:** Tue 8/11/2015 5:37:14 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Gold King Mine Call w/WH @ 4:30pm

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I'd like to propose that we group the answers:

I can answer the incident and response related issues

Laura/Mark – the elected/state questions

Tom/Liz – the press questions

Avi/Stacey – DOJ/legal questions

That work?

**From:** Pieh, Lusenii

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 1:33 PM

**To:** Mitchell, Stacey; Fritz, Matthew; Vaught, Laura; Rupp, Mark; Reynolds, Thomas; Purchia, Liz; Breen, Barry; Stanislaus, Mathy; Natarajan, Nitin; Garbow, Avi

**Subject:** Gold King Mine Call w/WH @ 4:30pm

You all should've received a calendar invite from Michael Degnan of CEQ for a 4:30pm conference call regarding the Gold King Mine. It sounds like folks from the EOP, CEQ and NSC will participate. For those that are at HQ and available, we'll take the call from Matt's office.

Lastly, below is the email from Rohan laying out some of the questions that they have.

**From:** Patel, Rohan

**Sent:** Tuesday, August 11, 2015 04:57 PM

**To:** Wood, John; Degnan, Michael; Crook, Lowry; Saenz, Adrian; Anderson, Amanda D.; Grigonis, Alison; Billingsley, Tara; Bansal, Gaurab

**Cc:** Hornung, Daniel

**Subject:** a few Qs

Some of these may have already been answered, but seems like it would be good to convene a call between our components and Lu Pieh or others at EPA, if that hasn't already happened. Governor Hickenlooper is about to hold a press conference, and has anyone touched base with him from EPA ahead of this presser?

1. Who was the contractor and what type of EPA supervision was on site? Did the state of Colorado have anyone on site or did they have any responsibility?
2. Is the Department of Justice involved or have they been notified?

3. What regular notification of state/local/congressional members has been set up? Who is leading those calls?
4. What was the flow rate of toxic mine waste into the river beforehand, and is there a baseline level of testing?
5. What is the estimate of time it will take to stop the toxic flow? Why is this site not a Superfund site?
6. How many other mines like this exist in Colorado, and isn't it worth making that public now so that people understand the overall risks that exist and the need for additional cleanup measures?
7. What additional information does EPA plan on sharing with the press? Is there a notification strategy in place to make sure top officials hear from EPA before they hear from the press?
8. Has EPA called for additional help from the Department of Interior, Department of Agriculture, or the Corps of Engineers? Farmers, Ranchers, and other water bodies may have been affected and it seems necessary to make sure our top federal officials and scientists are integrated into the response.

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